



Amherst Massachusetts

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TO: Amherst Select Board
FROM: PETER HECHENBLEIKNER, TEMPORARY TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: TOWNMANAGER'S REPORT
DATE: 4-11-16

Staff Recognition and Personnel Issues

- We have received a letter of resignation from Tom Ehrgood from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective June 30, 2016.
- Garrett Pander from the Jones Library has been nominated by the Massachusetts Library Association Para-librarian Section to receive the award for Outstanding Library Support Staff.
- Gabrielle (Ellie) Kurth has announced her resignation from the Town of Amherst as our Environmental Scientist position in the DPW, to take a position with the State Department of Conservation and Recreation.

General Information

- Town offices are closed next Monday, April 18 for Patriots Day.
- The Charter Commission's first meeting was April 5. Andy Churchill was elected Chair. The Commission is meeting again this evening in the Large Activity Room in the Bangs Center.
- The first Town Meeting mailing went out Thursday, April 7th – it included the Town Clerk's notice, the ATM warrant, JCPC and CPAC reports, zoning reports on Articles 27-30 and various individual notices.
- The College of Education at the University of Massachusetts is having a ribbon cutting ceremony at Furcolo Hall on Friday, April 29 at 4:00 PM
- The Parking supply and demand study underway.
- EAST PLEASANT STREET PAVING NOTICE
Between Clark Hill Rd and University Lodge Wednesday April 13th, 2016 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
- EAST PLEASANT STREET AT KENDRICK PARK - CONSTRUCTION NOTICE
Between Halleck Street and Triangle Street Monday April 11th, 2016 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
- The Select Board will likely be having a tree removal hearing in the area of 666 South East Street coming before it for a decision. This is a Scenic Road.
- The Police Chief will be requesting 2 hearings for alleged liquor license violations – one as a result of a Police investigation, and one as a result of compliance checks over the weekend.
- The Massachusetts Cultural Council visit and tour of Amherst to review the proposed Cultural District is Wednesday, 4-13-16.
- Eversource has announced that they will be doing maintenance work on their transmission lines, accessing the lines in Amherst off of Leverett Rd., Pulpit Hill, State Street, Bridge Street, Market Hill Road, Henry Street, Strong Street, Spaulding Street, and Main Street.
- Water testing for lead – see article. Amherst tests regularly for lead and there are no known lead issues in the public water supply community. We will be getting new guidance on lead and copper. We currently meet the lead and copper rules. Solar company status

REMINDERS

- 4-12-16 - The League of Women Voters and the TMCC are hosting the Annual Town Meeting warrant review in the Town Room.
- 4-16-16 – Sustainability Fair (Earth Day) – 10 am to 4 PM on the Common
- 4-28-16 – Samuel Minot Jones Awards for literary Achievement – Mead Museum – 6:00 to 9:00 PM
- 5-2-16 – first night of Annual Town Meeting.